investment of approximately Rs. 3260 crores. These projects include development of container terminals, general cargo berths, iron ore berths, liquid cargo berth, LNG terminal, coal berth and are likely to result in additional capacity of about 50 million tonnes per annum.

**Ahmedabad-Vadodara Express Highway**

1564. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the completion of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Express Highways, it is not being utilized;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) by when it would start operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway Phase-I (Km.0.00 to km 43.40) was opened to traffic on 28.01.2003 and Phase-II (km. 43.40 to Km. 93.65) was opened to traffic on 24.08.2004.

**Old bridges on National Highways**

1565. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever conducted any study on old bridges on National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such National Highways on which old bridges exist;

(c) whether some of these bridges are in dilapidated condition; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to repair these bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b) Old bridges exist on all National Highways.

(d) The repairs of distressed bridges is being taken up in various Annual Plans depending upon their condition, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

**Drivers' Training School in Tamil Nadu**

1566. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has not been provided any assistance for setting up of Model Drivers' Training School under Tenth Five Year Plan so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of such assistance provided so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Assistance of Rs. 84. 74 lakh has been provided in Ninth Five Year Plan for strengthening of Institute of Road Transport in Tamil Nadu.

(c) Details of assistance sanctioned so far for setting up of Model Drivers' Training School during Xth Five year Plan are as under:—

(Rs.in lakhs)

| Name of the Driving Institute | Total Central Assistance sanctioned |
|---|---|
| Driving Training School, Guwahati, Assam | 394 |
| Driving Training School, Hagaribommanahalli, Bellary District, Karnataka | 269 |
| Driving Training School, Kolkata, West Bengal | 328 |
| Driving Training School, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh by Krishna District Lorry Owners' Association | 400 |
| Driving Training School, Jassur, Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh | 181 |
| Driving Training School at Edappal in Malappuram, Kerala | 299 |
| Driving Training School at Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi by Institute of Driving Training & Research, Delhi | 325 |